

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification at page 1 by replacing lines 22-24 with the following:

Cross-Reference To Related Applications

~~This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/441,881, filed November 17, 1999.~~ This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/190,235 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2002. U.S. Application Serial No. 10/190,235 is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/595,835 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 16, 2002 and that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,427,826 on August 6, 2002. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/595,835 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/441,881 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 1999 and that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,288,012 on September 11, 2001. U.S. Application Serial Nos. 10/190,235, 09/595,835, and 09/441,881 are incorporated by reference herein.

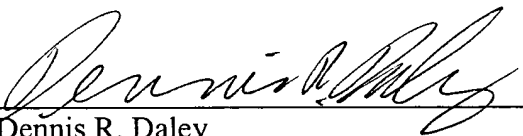
It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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